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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
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15 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

16 CINDY A. MELVIN,

17 Plaintiff,

18 vs.

19 CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting  
20 Commissioner of Social Security,

21 Defendant.

22 ) Case No.: 3:16-cv-00074-MMD-VPC  
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24 ) STIPULATION FOR THE AWARD  
25 ) AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY  
26 ) FEES AND EXPENSES PURSUANT  
) TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO  
) JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)  
) AND COSTS PURSUANT TO 28  
) U.S.C. § 1920  
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27 TO THE HONORABLE VALERIE P COOKE, MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
28 OF THE DISTRICT COURT:

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30 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their  
31 undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Cindy A. Melvin be  
32 awarded attorney fees in the amount of Two Thousand Nine Hundred dollars  
33 (\$2,900.00) and costs in the amount of Fifteen dollars and Five cents (\$15.05)  
34 under 28 U.S.C. § 1920. This amount represents compensation for all legal  
35 services rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil  
36 action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 1920; 2412(d).

1        After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Cindy A. Melvin, the  
2 government will consider the matter of Cindy A. Melvin's assignment of EAJA  
3 fees to Marc V. Kalagian. The retainer agreement containing the assignment is  
4 attached as exhibit 1. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2529 (2010),  
5 the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to  
6 any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset  
7 Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine  
8 whether they are subject to any offset.

9        Fees shall be made payable to Cindy A. Melvin, but if the Department of  
10 the Treasury determines that Cindy A. Melvin does not owe a federal debt, then the  
11 government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made  
12 directly to Law Offices of Rohlfing & Kalagian, LLP, pursuant to the assignment  
13 executed by Cindy A. Melvin.<sup>1</sup> Any payments made shall be delivered to Marc V.  
14 Kalagian.

15       This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Cindy A. Melvin's  
16 request for EAJA attorney fees, and does not constitute an admission of liability on  
17 the part of Defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount  
18 shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Cindy  
19 A. Melvin and/or Marc V. Kalagian including Law Offices of Rohlfing &  
20 Kalagian, LLP may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this  
21 action.

22       This award is without prejudice to the rights of Marc V. Kalagian and/or the  
23 Law Offices of Rohlfing & Kalagian, LLP to seek Social Security Act attorney  
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25       <sup>1</sup> The parties do not stipulate whether counsel for the plaintiff has a cognizable lien  
26 under federal law against the recovery of EAJA fees that survives the Treasury  
Offset Program.

1 fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause provisions of the  
2 EAJA.

3 DATE: October 11, 2016 Respectfully submitted,

4 LAW OFFICES OF ROHLFING & KALAGIAN, LLP

5 */s/ Marc V. Kalagian*

6 BY:

7 Marc V. Kalagian  
Attorney for plaintiff Cindy A. Melvin

8 DATED: October 11, 2016 DANIEL G. BOGDEN  
9 United States Attorney

10 */s/ April A. Alongi*

11 BY:

12 APRIL A. ALONGI  
13 Special Assistant United States Attorney  
14 Attorneys for Defendant Carolyn W. Colvin,  
15 Acting Commissioner of Social Security  
16 (Per e-mail authorization)

# PROOF OF SERVICE

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

I am employed in the county of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 211 E. Ocean Blvd., Ste. 420, Long Beach, CA 90802.

6 On this day of October 17, 2016, I served the foregoing document described  
7 as STIPULATION FOR THE AWARD AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES  
8 AND EXPENSES PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT,  
9 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) AND COSTS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1920 on the  
10 interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed  
11 envelope addressed as follows:

12 Ms. Cindy A. Melvin  
13 5165 Greeley Avenue  
Silver Springs, NV 89429

14 I caused such envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid to be placed in the  
15 United States mail at Long Beach, California.

16 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California  
17 that the above is true and correct.

18 I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of this court at whose  
19 direction the service was made.

20 **Marc V. Kalagian** \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ **Marc V. Kalagian**  
21 TYPE OR PRINT NAME SIGNATURE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
FOR CASE NUMBER 3:16-CV-00074-MMD-VPC**

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for this court by using the CM/ECF system on October 11, 2016.

I certify that all participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by the CM/ECF system, except the plaintiff served herewith by mail.

/s/ Marc V. Kalagian

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) {PROPOSED} ORDER AWARDING  
) EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT  
) ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES  
) PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)  
) AND COSTS PURSUANT TO 28  
) U.S.C. § 1920  
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17 Based upon the parties' Stipulation for the Award and Payment of Equal  
18 Access to Justice Act Fees, Costs, and Expenses:

19 IT IS ORDERED that fees and expenses in the amount of \$2,900.00 as  
20 authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and costs in the amount of \$15.05 as authorized  
21 by 28 U.S.C. § 1920, be awarded subject to the terms of the Stipulation.

22 DATE: October 17, 2016



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24 THE HONORABLE MIRANDA M. DU  
25 U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE  
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